Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gerald "Brick" Duncan was born on April 24, 1904, to Budd and Anna (Wilder) Duncan at Springville, Iowa, along with his twin brother, Harold "Slim" Duncan, and together they weighed 5 pounds, were placed in a shoebox on the oven door with warm bricks around to keep them warm; and,

Whereas, Brick moved with his family to a farm south of Seneca, South Dakota, in March 1910, traveling on an emigrant train, lived in Faulk and Potter Counties most of his life; and,

Whereas, Brick married Mathilda "Tillie" Gross in 1926, and to that union three children were born: Ruby, Raymond, and Mary, and following Tillie's death in 1939, Brick's mother moved in to help care for the children; and,

Whereas, Brick married Adeline Meservey in 1952, and they owned and operated cafes in Seneca and Gettysburg until Adeline passed away in 1964; and,

Whereas, Brick married Inger Geist in 1966, they lived at Seneca until October 2002, when they moved to Oahe Villa in Gettysburg; and,

Whereas, Brick's numerous occupations were farming, WPA worker, milking cows and delivering milk and cream, trucker, hired hand on farms, janitor, maintenance worker, café owner and operator, painter, carpenter, and gardener; and,

Whereas, In addition to his three children, he also has three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, eight stepchildren, 15 step-grandchildren, 13 step-great-grandchildren, 3 step-great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends; and,

Whereas, Brick will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather at Oahe Villa Commons on April 24 from 2-4 p.m. to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2004, as

GERALD "BRICK" DUNCAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State